

East Coast Study Tour Meeting
June 14, 2011 - Minutes

- Seawind Tours and Travel – Robin Sato
 - Introduction of the Seawind company
 - Review of the 2011 trip
 - Explained some details about what can be expected at future meetings
- Fundraising – Mrs. Uejo (Tyler)
 - Mrs Uejo gave an update on:
 - t-shirt sales
 - Bon Dance
 - Sign up for Bon Dance on Google doc at:
 - https://spreadsheets.google.com/a/hongwanji.us/spreadsheet/ccc?key=0Ao-MUoa1gBzSdEo2eU1NMnM4UWV2Y2otS2E5d2NPbWc&hl=en_US#gid=0
 - HMS Snack Bar
- Committees
 - Trip T-shirt - Still looking for volunteers to Chair
 - Pompoms - Mrs. Miyashiro (Jocelyn) brought in a wicked cool example of the pompom
 - Omiyage - Mrs. Mann (Kaitlyn) asked about what is involved
 - Need about 25 omiyage packages
 - We give omiyage to
 - Front desks at hotels
 - Walk on tour guides
 - Bus drivers
 - On-site coordinator from Seawind Tour
 - If we visit pen pals, we give them something
 - Last year we had
 - Hawaiian host chocolates, Coffee, Baseball caps, Stickers, Frisbees, Luggage handle covers, Key chains
 - We asked the Hawaii Visitor Bureau for donation
 - We asked parents if they know anyone who they think are willing to donate.

- Other:
 - Trip treasurer - volunteer(s): still looking for a volunteer
 - Trip Medical Person - Dr. Stella Tadaki (Shelby)
 - ECST Journal - Last trips Journal was Student generated
 - I believe the plan is to do the same for this trip
- ECST Wiki address - <http://ecst2012.wikispaces.com/>
- Other ECST Information
 - Other family members
 - If there is room on the trip, we may allow other family members to join us on the trip
 - Things to remember:
 - There is a lot of walking on the trip
 - The trip is a Study Tour – Please don't think it is a family vacation.
 - Community Service on the trip
 - Students will be responsible for cleaning the bus (daily), presenting Omiyage, and writing in the Travel Blog
 - Last year's travel blog is at: <http://ecst2011.posterous.com/>
 - Connections with Hawaii's Senators or Representatives
 - We asked if any families had connections with our Federal Senators or House Representatives
 - A couple of families came forward.
- Introduced new student:
 - Tevan Kakemoto and family
- 5th grade Related information
 - Camp Timberline
 - August 24-26 – Cost: \$110
 - 2 chaperones (one male and one female)
 - Trying to get PTO to fund for bus and chaperone cost
 - Laptops at school
 - Both 5th grade teachers use computer a lot in class.

- Students are encouraged to bring Laptops (with parents' permission)
- Other
 - Next Meeting July 12 Cancelled
- Next Meeting (Second Tuesdays of the Month, 5:15 pm):
 - July 12 - Cancelled
 - August 9
 - September 13
 - October 11
 - November 8
 - December 13
 - January 10, 2012
 - February 14
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